



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Summer Schemes 2011
<b>Date:</b>	9 June 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Adrian Walker, Acting Leisure Operations Manager

### 1. Relevant Background Information

Each year, summer schemes are organised in leisure centres providing a programme of sporting and play activities to young people over the months of July and August.

The council's Community Services section offer grant funding in support summer activity programmes, to the voluntary community sector, subject to established qualifying criteria

### 2. Key issues/events.

Leisure Services provide quality play, recreation and sporting opportunities for the children of Belfast over the summer holiday period.

Free use of swimming pools has been offered in recent years to those community groups which are in receipt of Summer Scheme funding from the Community Services Section, subject to availability.

Free entrance to the zoo has also been offered to children participating in Leisure Services Summer Schemes and concessionary entrance fees are offered to community groups which are in receipt of Summer Scheme funding from the Community Services Section, subject to availability.

Free entrance to the Adventurous playground has also been offered to children participating in Belfast City Council Leisure Centre summer schemes, and free entrance before noon for community group schemes which are in receipt of Summer Scheme funding from the Community, subject to availability.

### 3. Resource Implications

#### Financial

An allowance of £93,400 is allocated within revenue budgets to support holiday schemes in leisure centres with an anticipated £40,000 projected to be received in income from summer scheme participants.

	<p><u>Human Resources</u> Subject to the nature of the programme offered at each site, summer schemes are organised using Belfast City Council officers supported by the short term use of agency staff, for the duration of the scheme programme.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None</p>
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<b>4. Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>	
	None.

<b>5. Recommendations</b>	
	<p>It is recommended that Members agree that, as in previous years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Free swimming, during July and August for community group schemes which are in receipt of summer scheme funding from the Community Services Section, and concessionary entrance fees to the Zoo.</li> <li>2. Free entrance to the Zoo in July and August for children participating in Belfast City Council Leisure Centre summer schemes, and</li> <li>3. Free entrance to the adventurous playground in July and August for children participating in Belfast City Council Leisure Centre summer schemes, and free entrance before noon for community group schemes which are in receipt of Summer Scheme funding from the Community Services Section, subject to availability.</li> </ol>

<b>6. Decision Tracking</b>	
	N/A

<b>7. Key to Abbreviations</b>	
	None.

<b>8. Documents Attached</b>	
	None